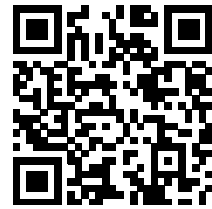


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# The French Legacy in Canada



In the 16th century, European \_\_\_\_\_ discovered new lands across the ocean. Among them, the French were drawn to the vast, uncharted \_\_\_\_\_ of North America. Their initial interest was in fishing and the fur \_\_\_\_\_, which soon led to the establishment of the first permanent French settlement in North America, \_\_\_\_\_ City, in 1608. This marked the beginning of French \_\_\_\_\_ in the region. The French relationship with the Indigenous peoples was largely based on mutual \_\_\_\_\_, especially in the fur trade, which differed from the approaches of other European powers. They formed \_\_\_\_\_ with local tribes, learning their languages and \_\_\_\_\_. This cooperative stance helped the French to expand their territory into the Great \_\_\_\_\_ region and down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico, laying the foundation for \_\_\_\_\_. French colonists, known as \_\_\_\_\_, developed a way of life that was adapted to the New World, especially in terms of agriculture. They established \_\_\_\_\_, large estates that were farmed by tenant farmers. French \_\_\_\_\_, customs, and language began to shape the social and legal foundations of the \_\_\_\_\_. Despite the harsh conditions, the population grew, supported by the arrival of the \_\_\_\_\_, young women sponsored by the king to immigrate to New France to marry and start \_\_\_\_\_.

The impact of French colonization on early Canadian history is profound. It laid the groundwork for modern Canadian \_\_\_\_\_, language, and culture. Even after the British conquest in 1763, the French \_\_\_\_\_ remained strong in Canada, particularly in Quebec, where French is still the primary language spoken. This enduring \_\_\_\_\_ is a testament to the resilience of the French Canadian people and their \_\_\_\_\_.

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